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Statement from Chief Acevedo regarding LULAC letter to Department of Justice

It is truly tragic when a life is lost at such a young age. It is understandable that emotions run high and some degree of confusion, and even anger, is experienced within the community. My prayers are certainly with the Contreras family and friends that are grieving with them.

With that said, my compassion towards the Contreras family for their loss, does not relieve me of my responsibility to the community at large. When I was hired as Chief of the Austin Police Department, I promised this community, and organizations like LULAC, that APD would be the transparent organization they were demanding at the time. The Austin Police Department has lived up to that promise and consistently provides information regarding critical incidents as it becomes available. If initial reports are found to contain factual errors, we acknowledge it and release the corrected information. In fact, the manner in which the Department released and immediately corrected information in this case is evidence of our commitment to transparency and the pursuit of the truth, and dispels the unsupported notion that the Austin Police Department engages in cover-ups. The Department's executive management team has reviewed the video footage in this case numerous times and we look forward to its release so the community can better appreciate the threat our officer responded to.

As a Latino immigrant to the United States, I share in the proud culture and traditions of all Americans, and especially Latin Americans. Among those traditions is teaching our children respect for the law and being accountable for our actions.

In closing, we are confident the investigative and review processes currently in place are more than sufficient, and once the evidence in this case is released for public review, the public will have a clear understanding of the threat faced by the involved officer.

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